



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 14: **will be closed.**

Directed pink salmon fisheries are closed for the remainder of the 2021 season. The department will continue to monitor fall chum salmon runs to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet. However, given observations to date and weak summer chum salmon runs throughout Southeast Alaska, it is anticipated there will be little to no opportunity.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates

Statistical Midweek 36

Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 7, 2021

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	2,300	7,000	140,000	5,200	154,500	15
District 2	0	2,000	7,000	106,000	4,700	119,700	14
District 3	0	400	1,500	52,000	400	54,300	5
District 4	0	5,000	5,000	50,000	1,200	61,200	8
West Admiralty Shoreline	0	30	400	19,000	25	19,455	3
Total	0	9,730	20,900	367,000	11,525	409,155	57

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	153	467	9,333	347	10,300
District 2	0	143	500	7,571	336	8,550
District 3	0	80	300	10,400	80	10,860
District 4	0	625	625	6,250	150	7,650
West Admiralty Shoreline	0	10	133	6,333	8	6,485

Districts 6 and 9, Section 13-A, SW Admiralty shoreline: confidential.

District 5, Point Augusta/Whitestone: no effort.

2021 Purse Seine Fishery Summary

The 2021 Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest forecast was predicted to be average with a point estimate of 28 million fish. Traditional common property purse seine openings directed at harvesting pink salmon began July 4 and concluded September 4. This year's common property purse seine harvest estimate at 42.8 million pink salmon is the 14th highest since statehood. The majority of the pink salmon harvest was from Southern Southeast with the Ketchikan management area having its estimated 8th highest cumulative pink salmon harvest since statehood (Table 1). Pink salmon average weight was low this season, with an average weight of approximately 2.8 pounds. Pink salmon escapement was generally good to

excellent with at least 34 of 46 pink salmon stock groups meeting or exceeding target ranges. Purse seine effort increased slightly from 2020 with 207 permits making landings but was below the 2011–2020 average of 252 permits.

Table 1. 2021 Southeast Alaska traditional purse seine harvest estimates (data as of 9/7/21).

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
101	0	95,000	59,000	9,700,000	197,000
102	0	67,000	58,000	7,400,000	430,000
103	80	29,000	30,000	4,000,000	150,000
104	6,200	500,000	100,000	10,400,000	215,000
105	0	8,800	1,900	270,000	6,100
106	0	28,000	10,000	1,100,000	20,000
107	0	12,000	3,700	1,000,000	63,000
SSE Total	6,280	739,800	262,600	33,870,000	1,081,100
109	15	5,100	9,900	1,800,000	22,000
110	0	30	300	11,000	2,600
112	55	37,000	26,000	4,800,000	45,000
113	20	6,400	4,600	2,000,000	21,000
114	0	1,800	1,600	330,000	2,300
NSE Total	90	50,330	42,400	8,941,000	92,000
SE Total	6,370	790,130	305,000	42,811,000	1,174,000

Hatchery produced chum salmon runs were expected to be below average in 2021. With the exception of Deep and Crawfish Inlets, hatchery produced chum salmon runs have concluded. The estimated common property purse seine terminal harvest area (THA) harvest is 1.3 million chum salmon, below the 2011–2020 average harvest of 2.0 million chum salmon (Table 2).

Table 2. 2021 Southeast Alaska purse seine common property THA harvest estimates (data as of 9/7/21).

THA	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Neets Bay	3,700	15	10	230	2,900
Carroll Inlet	1,700	1	1	10	15
Anita Bay	2,100	50	15	790	2,900
Kendrick Bay	0	93	530	7,700	5,500
Southeast Cove	4	156	43	1,400	45,000
Thomas Bay	5	63	24	3,700	75,000
Silver Bay	0	6	500	1,200	16,000
Deep Inlet	2,700	3,100	3,100	64,000	840,000
Crawfish/West	0	30	20	900	320,000
Crawfish Inlets					
Total	10,209	3,514	4,243	79,930	1,307,315

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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